
INTERVIEWS

OCTOBER 1, 1997

Commercial Fishing Questionnaire

What fisheries do you participate in (crab, bottom fish etc.)? _____

What percentage of your income comes from each fishery? _____

How many years have you fished? _____

What is the size of your vessel?

Under 30' _____ 30' - 40' _____ 40' - 50' _____ 50' - 60' _____
60' - 75' _____ Over 75' _____

What are the weather or sea conditions under which you would not fish? _____

Crab Fisherman

How many crab pots do you currently fish? _____

How many months per year do you fish crabs? _____

The enclosed chart is divided into areas A - L. Estimate what % of your crab income comes from each area.

A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____
G _____ H _____ I _____ J _____ K _____ L _____

If a portion of your crab catch is not caught in areas A - L, please indicate what % _____

If you never fish in one or any of the areas, please indicate why using the choices below. Use as many reasons as you feel best describe why you don't fish in an area.

A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____
G _____ H _____ I _____ J _____ K _____ L _____

- 1-Not enough crabs.
- 2-Gear loss too high in that area.
- 3-Outside State license boundary.
- 4-Too many juvenile or female crabs.
- 5-No permit for inside 3 miles.
- 6-Too much competition.
- 7-Buoys under water in ebb tide ½ the day.
- 8-Pots may get stuck in that area.
- 9-Located in a tow lane.
- 10-Too far to day fish.
- 11-Too much long line gear.

12-Too much vessel traffic.

13-Too dangerous.

14-Other? Write in. _____

Is there a change in your fishing patterns and areas fished at different times of the year? If there is an area of higher use in the summer compared to winter or visa versa indicate the areas for each season. _____

List the areas A-L where you catch the greatest percentage of soft shell crabs _____

If you know of a specific area where your experience indicates soft shell crabs are more abundant, indicate it on the map.

What months do you catch soft shell crabs? _____

If you catch any juveniles (less than 3"), where do you catch them, _____ and where are they most abundant? _____

Where do you catch most sub-adult adults (3"-6")? _____

If you know of an area where large numbers of crabs molt, indicate it on the map.

Do you crab now in existing disposal sites? _____ If so, do you have any problems?

What is your experience with crab catch in an area previously used as a dump site. Good? Bad? No difference? _____

Trawlers and Other Fisherman

How many and what months per year do you fish? _____

What fish do you fish for and what percentage of each group makes up your income?

The enclosed chart is divided into areas A - L. Estimate what % of your income comes from each area.

A _____	B _____	C _____	D _____	E _____	F _____
G _____	H _____	I _____	J _____	K _____	L _____

If a portion of your catch is not caught in areas A - L, please indicate what % _____

If you never fish in any of the areas A-L, please indicate why using the choices below. Use as many reasons as you feel best describe why you don't fish in an area.

A _____	B _____	C _____	D _____	E _____	F _____
G _____	H _____	I _____	J _____	K _____	L _____

1-Not enough fish.

- 2-Gear loss too high in that area.
- 3-Outside State license boundary.
- 4-Too many juveniles.
- 5-Too much crab gear.
- 6-Too much competition close.
- 7-Located in the tow lane.
- 8-Too far to day fish.
- 9-Too much long line gear in the past.
- 10-Too much vessel traffic.
- 11-Too dangerous.
- 12-Other? Write in _____

Is there a change in your fishing patterns and areas fished at different times of the year? If there is an area of higher use in the summer compared to winter or visa versa indicate the areas for each season. _____

List the areas A-L where you catch the greatest percentage of juvenile fish. _____

What is your experience with fishing in an area previously used as a dump site. Good? Bad? No difference? _____

If you have suggestions for a disposal site in the area offshore of the Columbia River, please indicate your suggestion below. If you want to discuss your suggestion(s) in person, please come to the Port of Astoria Offices on Oct. 1 and 2 where Corps of Engineers representatives will be available to discuss them with you. Corps representatives will be available from 6-9pm on the 1st and from 9-12am, 1-5pm and 6-9pm on the 2nd of Oct. If you wish to schedule a particular time, call the Corps' toll free number at 1-888-232-4406 to arrange a time.

Crab Fishing Overlay

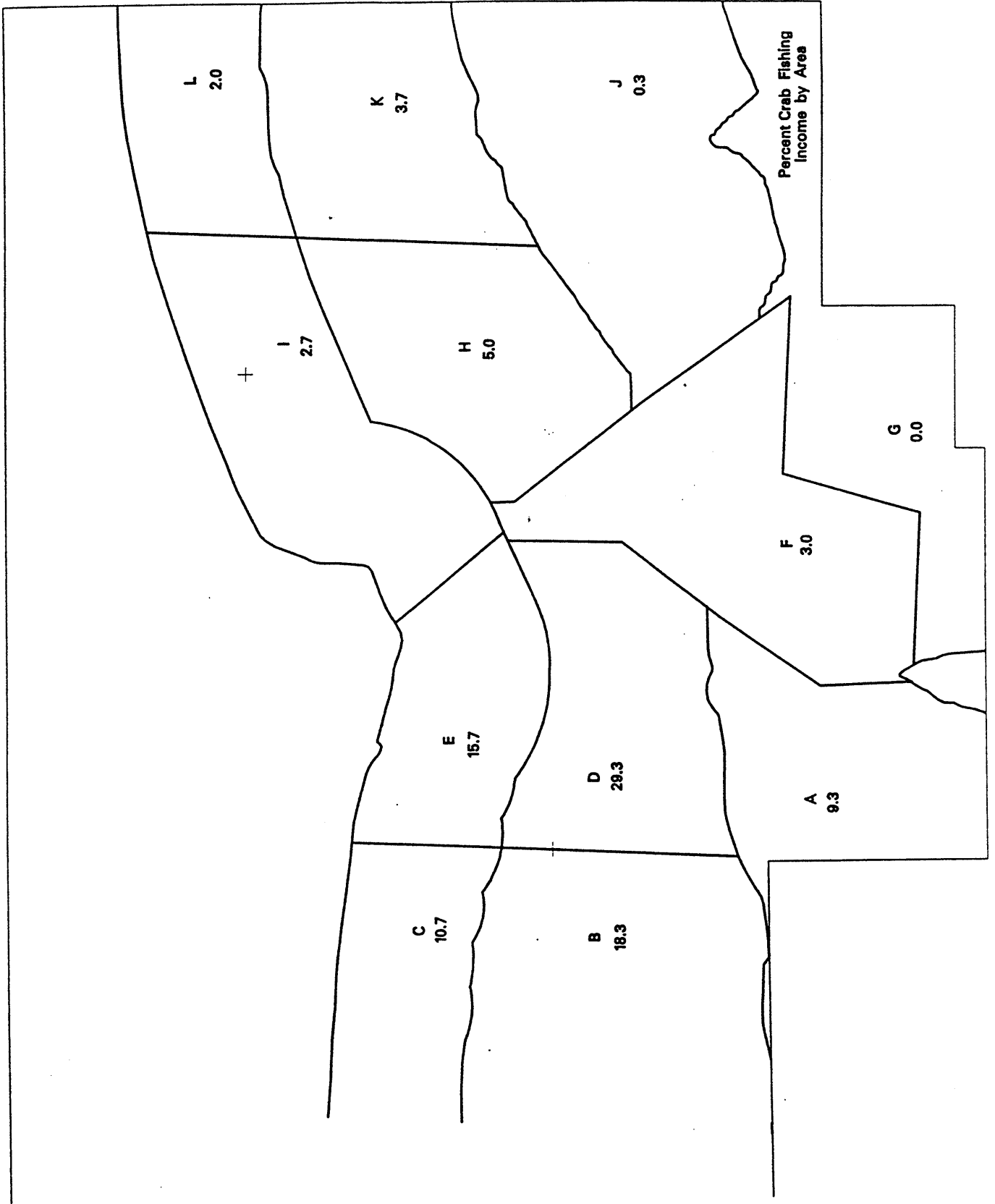
General Observations

- Majority favored thin layered disposal
- Majority did not think disposal at Area “E” was a good idea
 - Enlarging Peacock Spit
 - sediment movement along Washington creating soft bottom and increased loss of pots
- Material disposed at Area “E” does not end up on Benson Beach

Crab Fishing Overlay

General Observations

- Major concern was route to fishing grounds
- Safety
- Concern that Area “B” would continue to mound and Area “E” would start to mound blocking transit route



Crab Fishing Overlay

A	B	C	D	E	F
9.3	18.3	10.7	29.3	15.7	3.0
G	H	I	J	K	L
0.0	5.0	2.7	0.3	3.7	2.0

